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SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION - QUESTION OF SUMMARY RECORDS
FOR PALESTINE COMMITTEE

1. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES WILL MEET THURSDAY AFTERNOON MARCH 11 TO CONSIDER AMONG OTHER THINGS REQUEST BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE THAT IT BE PROVIDED WITH SUMMARY RECORDS OF ITS FUTURE MEETINGS. (PALESTINE COMMITTEE HOPES TO MEET FIVE TIMES A WEEK THROUGHOUT MARCH AND APRIL.) SUMMARY RECORDS WERE NOT PROVIDED OF MEETINGS PALESTINE COMMITTEE HAS HELD SO FAR BECAUSE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING IT (3376 (XXX)) DID NOT EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZE THEM. RESOLUTION 2538 (XXIV) STATES THAT APART FROM SUCH SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION, NEITHER VERBATIM NOR SUMMARY RECORDS MAY BE PROVIDED FOR A NEWLY ESTABLISHED SUBSIDIARY BODY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WHILE THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION IN THIS CASE, THERE WAS GENERAL LANGUAGE REQUESTING SYG QTE TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH ALL THE NECESSARY FACILITIES FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS TASKS. UNQTE THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN URGING THE SECRETARIAT TO CONSTRUE THIS LANGUAGE LIBERALLY, BUT THE SECRETARIAT HAS DECLINED TO DO SO WITHOUT APPROVAL BY THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES.

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2. EGYPTIAN REP ON COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES ABOUL-GHEIT

APPROACHED MISOFF TO PLEAD FOR US COOPERATION ON THIS QUESTION. HE SAID ALL 20 MEMBERS OF THE PALESTINE COMMITTEE FAVOR THE PROVISION OF SUMMARY RECORDS AND ARE PREPARED TO ADDRESS INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS TO THE SYG IF NECESSARY. ABOUL-GHEIT SAID THAT EVEN IF US AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES OBJECTED TO SUMMARY RECORDS, HE HOPED A SOLUTION WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES UNDER WHICH CHAIRMAN, NOTING THAT MAJORITY OF MEMBERS FAVOR SUMMARY RECORDS, WOULD FIND THAT THE QTE SENSE OF THE COMMITTEE UNQTE WAS THAT THEY SHOULD BE PROVIDED.

3. SECRETARIAT DOES NOT YET HAVE INFO ON ADDITIONAL COST SUMMARY RECORDS WOULD ENTAIL.

4. COMMENT: IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO US TO BE WITHIN MANDATE OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES TO ADVISE OR DIRECT SECRETARIAT ON A MATTER OF THIS KIND AND WE PLAN TO TAKE THIS POSITION IN THE COMMITTEE UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE. BRITISH AND CANADIAN REPS ON COMMITTEE WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE MATTER AGREE.
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